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SUBJ: SOMALI MEDIA REPORT ETHIOPIAN DEVELOPMENTS

REF: MOGADISCIO 306; MOGADISCIO 300

1. SOMALI GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED MEDIA BROKE THEIR PREVIOUS SILENCE REGARDING DEVELOPMENTS IN ETHIOPIA WITH EXTREMELY BRIEF RADIO ANNOUNCEMENT AFTERNOON FEB 28, WHICH QUOTED AFP THAT ADDIS AIRPORT WAS CONTROLLED BY INSURGENT ETHIOPIAN ARMY, THAT AIR FORCE SUPPORTED ARMY, AND THAT ETHIOPIAN CABINET HAD RESIGNED ON FEB 27. THIS FOLLOWED BY SIMILARLY TERSE AND FACTUAL SITREP IN SOMALI-LANGUAGE BROADCAST EARLY MORNING MARCH 1.

2. WEEKLY "INDEPENDENT" HORSEED NEWSPAPER ON MARCH 1 CARRIED MUCH MORE EXTENSIVE ITALIAN-LANGUAGE, FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE WHICH STRESSED POINT THAT ETHIOPIAN MILITARY WERE IN COMPLETE CONTROL OF COUNTRY AFTER A WEEK OF DISORDER WHICH LEFT IN ITS WAKE "ABOUT 30 DEAD, HUNDREDS ARRESTED, ABOUT 70 CARS DAMAGED BY ROCKS, 38 HOUSES SACKED AND TWO TRAINS ATTACKED AND DAMAGED."

ARTICLE ALSO MADE POINT THAT 22ND OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

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MEETING HAD BEEN ASKED TO ADJOURN SINE DIE AND TO DEPART ETHIOPIA.

3. AS YET THERE HAS BEEN NO EDITORIAL OPINION OF ANY KIND.
 4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH HORSEED ARTICLE MENTIONED ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES IN ETHIOPIA (TEACHERS AND TAXI STRIKES REGARDING HIGHER PAY AND REDUCTION IN GASOLINE PRICE), IT DID NOT REFER TO ETHIOPIAN MILITARY DEMANDS FOR HIGHER PAY. NOR DID HORSEED MAKE ANY REFERENCE TO ETHIOPIAN FORCES IN OGADEN OR LINKAGE OF ETHIOPIAN DISORDERS WITH SOMALI IRREDENTIST GOALS.
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